

State of South Dakota

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2002

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1192

Introduced by: Representatives Davis, Abdallah, Bartling, Burg, Duniphan, Elliott, Hanson (Gary), Hennies (Don), Hennies (Thomas), Hundstad, Juhnke, Lange, Peterson (Jim), Sigdestad, and Van Norman and Senators Albers, Brown (Arnold), Hagen, Ham, Hutmacher, Koetzle, McCracken, McIntyre, Moore, Reedy, Staggers, Sutton (Dan), and Symens

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to clarify that the court may speak with children without
2 parents or attorneys present regarding visitation matters.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. In any hearing regarding visitation, if the child is of sufficient age to inform the
5 court of matters relating to visitation, the court may speak with the child outside the presence
6 of any parents or attorneys to ascertain reasons why the child may or may not wish to visit a
7 parent.

